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SUBJ: CSCE: MALTESE CONTINUE TO BE INTRANSIGENT OVER NEW PARAGRAPH
IN MEDITERRANEAN DECLARATION

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1. SUMMARY: BUOYED BY THE BELIEF THAT GROWING CSCE TIME
PRESSURES ARE NOW WORKING IN MALTA'S FAVOR, MALTESE
AMBASSADOR GAUCI TOOK WHOLLY UNCOMPROMISING POSITION ON
QUESTION OF NEW MALTESE OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH AT MEDITERRANEAN
DECLARATION WORKING GROUP MEETING ON JUNE 20. EC-NINE ARE
TOYING WITH IDEA OF POSSIBLE COMPROMISE ATTEMPT. END SUMMARY.

2. THE ONLY SPEAKER, APART FORM THE MALTESE, AT THE
MEDITERRANEAN DECLARATION WORKING GROUP MEETING ON JUNE
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20 WAS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF PORTUGAL, WHO IN SUBSTANTIAL

DEPARTURE FROM GENERAL NATO APPROACH, CONGRATULATED MALTA, ON INSTRUCTIONS, ON PROPOSED NEW OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH, WHICH HE SAID CONTAINED "VALID AND INTERESTING IDEAS." WHILE VIEW WAS NOT ILL-FOUNDED" THAT THIS NEW PARAGRAPH MAY GO BEYOND FORMAL FRAMEWORK OF THE CSCE BLUE-BOOK, THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT THOUGHT THAT THE IDEAS CONTAINED IN THIS PROPOSAL WERE "USEFUL" AND COULD CONTINUE TO BE CONSIDERED OUTSIDE THE CSCE FRAMEWORK AS WELL AS IN THE CSCE FOLLOW-UP. (COMMENT SEPTTEL).

3. AMBASSADOR GAUCI CONFINED HIMSELF TO A BRIEF FORMAL STATEMENT. HE NOTED ONCE MORE THAT MALTA WOULD HAVE TO APPLY "PARALLELISM" TO PROGRESS MADE ON THE MEDITERRANEAN DECLARATION IN OTHER COMMITTEES OF THE CONFERENCE. GAUCI THEN REFERRED POINTEDLY TO THE GROWING DESIRE OF MANY DELEGATIONS TO END STAGE II SOON, AND OUTCOME WHICH, HE SAID, WOULD BE HARD TO ACHIEVE WITHOUT ALSO SATISFYING THE WISHES OF SMALLER NATIONS SUCH AS MALTA.

4. IN PRIVATE CONTACTS WITH UK AND ITALIAN REPS, GAUCI ALSO TOOK UNHELPFUL LINE. HE INSISTED THAT MALTA WOULD NOT INTRODUCE ANY COMPROMISE MOVE, SINCE ANY SUCH EFFORT MUST NOW COME FROM THERS. MALTA WOULD, HOWEVER, BE PREPARED TO CONSIDER ANY "REASONABLE AMENDMENTS" WHICH MIGHT BE OFFERED BY OTHERS TO ITS PROPOSED NEW OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH.

5. IN A SUBSEQUENT NATO CAUCUS ON THE THE MALTESE PROBLEM, THE EC-NINE CLEARLY REVEALED THEIR GROWING DESIRE TO ATTEMPT TO NEGOTIATE A COMPROMISE WITH MINTOFF ALONG THE LINES SUGGESTED BY THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS IN DUBLIN (REFTEL B) I.E. BY OFFERING MALTA WHAT THE UK AND FRENCH CALLED "JUST A WHIFF OF MEDITERRANEAN FOLLOW-UP."

6. SEVERAL DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING OURSELVES, POINTED OUT THAT SUCH COMPROMISE OF A LONG-STANDING WESTERN POSITION, IF IT IS TO BE MADE AT ALL, COULD ONLY BE MADE:

(A) ON A CLEAR TAKE-IT-OR-LEAVE-IT BASIS, WHICH WOULD NOT PERMIT TI TO LEAD TO A GENERAL DEBATE OF THE CONFIDENTIAL

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PROPOSED NEW MALTESE OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH AS A WHOLE, OR TO ANY FURTHER EROSION OF OUR POSITION ON MEDITERRANEAN FOLLOW-UP;

(B) THAT SUCH COMPROMISE SHOULD ALSO INVOLVE MALTESE AGREEMENT NOT TO REOPEN OTHER QUESTIONS, SUCH AS INVITATIONS TO NON-PARTICIPATING MEDITERRANEAN STATES TO ATTEND STAGE III; AND

(C) THAT THE NATO CAUCUS SHOULD, SIMULTANEOUSLY,

BEGIN TO CONSIDER OPTIONS REGARDING ACTIONS NATO GOVERNMENTS COULD TAKE IN THE VERY LIKELY CASE THAT THE MALTESE WOULD TURN DOWN SUCH A COMPROMISE EFFORT, IF MADE.

7. IT WAS AGREED ON THIS BASIS THAT THE UK, ON BEHALF OF THE EC-NINE, WOULD ATTEMPT TO PREPARE A DRAFT COMPROMISE TEXT BY JUNE 23, FOR ENTIRELY NON-COMMITTAL CONSIDERATION HERE AND IN CAPITALS.

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